

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2021-91-E - ORDER NO. 2021-818
DECEMBER 21, 2021

IN RE: Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	ORDER APPROVING
and Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Limited)	REVISIONS TO REVERT
Waivers and Request for Approval of)	TO OWNER PROGRAMS
Updated Service Regulations)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) on the Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” and together with DEC, the “Companies”) for approval of their Revert to Owner Programs (the “Programs”).

A. Background

On March 10, 2021, DEC and DEP filed their Application in Docket No. 2021-91-E requesting a limited waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-339 and 103-321 and Sections III.A.2(a)-(b) of the Companies’ Code of Conduct, which would allow the Companies to fully implement the Customer Connect platform, along with a request for approval of changes to the Companies’ Revert to Owner Programs.

After review and discussions with the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), the Companies removed the request related to the Revert to Owner Programs from the Application and filed a separate request for approval of the Programs on August 26, 2021. The Companies requested approval to revise and align their respective landlord

reversion programs to create uniformity for customers across DEP's and DEC's service territories.

On September 17, 2021, ORS filed a letter notifying the Commission of its review of the information regarding the Programs, the proposed changes, and the respective updates to the Companies' service regulations and that it did not oppose the Companies' request for approval of the Revert to Owner Programs.

B. Discussion

The Commission finds that the Companies have shown that the Revert to Owner Programs will provide the ability for landlords who own rental properties, including single family, multi-family and/or commercial properties, to avoid a lapse in service by automatically placing electric service and/or an outdoor light account in the landlord's name when a tenant voluntarily vacates a property. Further, the revisions to DEP's existing Revert to Owner Program will expand eligibility to include non-residential landlords. ORS has reviewed the proposed changes to the Programs and does not oppose the changes requested by the Companies. The Commission notes this request does not involve any changes to the retail rates or prices.

After review, the Commission approves the Companies' request and concludes that it is appropriate under existing statutes, rules, and regulations and in the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC for the revisions to their respective Revert to Owner Programs is granted.
2. The Companies shall file all relevant retail tariffs with the Commission and provide a copy to ORS within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. The tariffs should be


electronically filed in a text searchable PDF format using the Commission's DMS System (<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/>). An additional copy of any revised tariffs should be submitted via the E-Tariff system and a copy of any new tariffs should be sent via e-mail to etariff@psc.sc.gov to be included in the Commission's E-Tariff system (<https://etariff.psc.sc.gov>). Each tariff sheet shall contain a reference to this Order and its effective date at the bottom of each page.

3. Any relief or requests not expressly granted herein are denied.

4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:





Florence P. Belser, Vice Chair
Public Service Commission of
South Carolina